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Assemblyman James Gallagher  
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Re: Gridley's Support for AB 430 (Gallagher)

Greetings Assemblyman Gallagher:

The City of Gridley greatly appreciates your focused and effective leadership on behalf of our region. We are writing to support Assembly Bill 430, which would help provide housing relief for Camp Fire victims by allowing housing developments that meet specified criteria to utilize a streamlined ministerial process at the local level that will speed up approval of the project.

Gridley is experiencing significant demand for permanent housing due to the Camp Fire. Your legislation is considered an ideal solution to most efficiently and effectively provide quality housing options to the Butte County residents in need.

The City of Gridley is highly committed to helping our neighbors in need. In addition to hosting the largest ever FEMA Modular Housing Community in the Western US, as you are aware, the Camp Fire destroyed 14% of Butte County's housing stock, exacerbating the housing crisis in the area and making it difficult for Camp Fire victims and others to find affordable housing. It is essential that impacted jurisdictions within the county be able to utilize a streamlined process to approve new housing, thereby allowing evacuees the ability to stay in the area where they have jobs, family, and community connections.

Thank you again for your high quality and visionary leadership. If you have any questions regarding Gridley's strong support of AB 430, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Bruce Johnson  
Mayor

Paul Eckert  
City Administrator